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# THE NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE of OPTOMETRY

## *Commencement Exercises* **2006**



"112 Years of Academic Excellence"

*Sunday, the fourth of June*  
*Boston Marriott Copley Place*  
*Boston, Massachusetts*



# Commencement Program

## Processional

*Marshall*

James Comerford, OD, PhD, *Faculty Chair*

## Invocation

Reverend Stephen M. Shick

## Welcome

Alan Laird Lewis, OD, PhD, *President*

Francis L. DiMella, AIA, *Chairman, Board of Trustees,*  
*The New England College of Optometry*

James Hooley, MSW, *Board of Directors,*  
*New England Eye Institute, Inc.*

## Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Larry Clausen, OD, EdD, *Doctor of Ocular Science*  
*Comments*

Jerald Strickland, OD, PhD, *Doctor of Humane Letters*  
*Comments*

## Valedictory Address

Elizabeth L. Skeya, *Class of 2006*

## Presentation of Candidates for Master of Science in Vision Science Degrees

David A. Heath, OD, EdM, *Vice President/Dean of Academic Affairs*

*Hooding the Candidates:*

David Troilo, PhD, *Professor of Biology*

## Presentation of Candidates for Doctor of Optometry Degrees

David A. Heath, OD, EdM, *Vice President/Dean of Academic Affairs*

*Hooding the Candidates:*

Barry Barresi, OD, PhD, *President, New England Eye Institute, Inc.*

James Comerford, OD, PhD, *Faculty Chair*

## Conferral of Degrees

Alan Laird Lewis, OD, PhD, *President*

## Pledge

Dr. Lewis leads the graduates in the Optometric Oath

## Benediction

Reverend Stephen M. Shick

## Recessional

*Reception immediately following the ceremony*

## **2006 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS**

### **Larry Clausen, OD, EdD Doctor of Ocular Science**

Dr. Clausen served as the President of the New England College of Optometry for ten years, leaving that position in 1999. Following this appointment Clausen became Vice President of Academic Affairs at Pacific University in Oregon, and subsequently accepted a fellowship at the Wenzhou Medical College in the People's Republic of China. During his stay in China he was appointed as international consultant to the Bureau of Education for the municipal government of Wenzhou. In 2004, China's State Administration of Foreign Affairs awarded Clausen its prestigious Friendship Award, the highest honor that China confers to foreign experts. He now serves as the Dean of Allied Health and Science at Portland Community College, Oregon's largest institution of higher education.

### **Jerald Strickland, OD, PhD Doctor of Humane Letters**

A graduate from the School of Optometry at Indiana University, Dr. Strickland has held various academic positions throughout his career. He currently serves as Assistant Vice Chancellor for International Studies and Programs with the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges and has received such awards as the Texas Optometric Association's Distinguished Service Award, Optometrist of the Year and the Spirit of Philanthropy award from Indiana University. Dr. Strickland has played a pivotal role in international optometry and has been recognized with the Presidente de Honor Award from the Universidad de LaSalle, Bogota, Columbia. In 2001, he was elected as the founding President of the Board of Trustees for the World Optometric Foundation, Inc. This group serves as the fundraising arm of the World Council of Optometry.

# Doctor of Optometry Degree Recipients

Nicôle O. Aguiar  
William T. Alexander  
David B. Bodkin  
Neil A. Carvalho  
Julie M. Cervenka  
Andrea H. Chan  
Hui-Chu J. Chang \*  
Alan Cheung  
Neng Chhean  
Onah Cho  
Jessica J. Connolly  
Michael S. Cooper  
Megan L. Cope  
Paul C. Day + #  
Robert J. Deek  
Amandeep Dhaliwal  
Kenneth R. Dickerson  
Michael E. Dobrowolski  
Francisco V. Dozon, Jr.  
Gregory T. Ferrucci  
Pamela B. Furman  
Gretchen A. Gerhardt  
Susie Gill  
Christopher C. Goswick  
Tammy J. Gray  
Romea M. Harris-Baxter  
Jennifer Hartzell  
Michael W. Henderson  
Sarah E. Hill  
Len V. Hua \*  
Nghia Hua #  
Scott D. Huffer  
Autumn H. Jackson  
Rizwan S. Jaffer  
Susan Javanfar  
Catherine A. Johnson  
Tamara S.W. Kara #  
Tatyana I. Katz \*  
Jeffrey S. Kenyon  
Willette C. King  
Crystal J. Klahsen  
Kristen P. Lamoreau  
Angela K. Langthorne  
Evie O. Lawson

Somerset, MA  
Hartsville, SC  
Collinsville, VA  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Manchester, NH  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Brookline, MA  
Los Angeles, CA  
Los Angeles, CA  
Elmhurst, NY  
Spokane, NY  
Bohemia, NY  
Southampton, PA  
Rockledge, FL  
Flint, MI  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada  
Bellingham, MA  
Nashua, NH  
Norfolk, NE  
Milford, MA  
New York, NY  
Columbia, MO  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
Belmont, MA  
Aurora, CO  
Miami, FL  
Des Moines, IA  
Boston, MA  
Billings, MT  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
San Jose, CA  
South Boston, MA  
Boston, MA  
Boston, MA  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA  
London, Ontario, Canada  
Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada  
Brookline, MA  
Swansea, MA  
Brighton, MA  
Glenwood, MN  
Castle Hill, ME  
Bedford, Nova Scotia, Canada  
Bellevue, MA

Deborah I. Lee	Bayside, NY
Xu Li *#	Wenzhou, Zhejiang, China
Elisa Lim	Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Alexandra J. Littlejohn	Smiths Parish, Bermuda
Jazmin A. Logendra	Piscataway, NJ
Cheryl P. Lopez	Killeen, TX
Veasna Ma	Long Beach, CA
Christopher I. Main	Geneva, NY
Karl P. Malicdem	Baltimore, MD
Salima Manji	Pickering, Ontario, Canada
Elizabeth A. Martin	Naperville, IL
Laura E. Martin	Jamaica Plain, MA
John J. Mayes	Renton, WA
Andrew D. L. McLeod	Rochester, MN
Stacey M. Morinaga	Aiea, Hawaii
Joseph H. Nguyen	Costa Mesa, CA
Lien T. K. Nguyen	Brandon, Manitoba, Canada
Minh-Hanh T. Nguyen	San Diego, CA
Ilka Nolens #	Hasselt, Belgium
Brenton D. Ormiston	Paris, IL
Angelo G. Papaspiros	Dallas, TX
Jessica M. Philbrook	Crystal, ME
Anita A. Phromsivarak	Loop Beaverton, OR
Nicole M. Rabideau	Riverside, RI
Alexandria E. Scatchell	Chicago, IL
Patrick A. Scott	Buffalo, NY
Iryna Sheludchenko *	Raleigh, NC
Elizabeth L. Skeya	Bangor, ME
William R. Steigerwald, Jr.	Middletown, DE
Daniel G. Sullivan	Worcester, MA
Farrah F. Sunderji	Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Hung L. Thai	San Jose, CA
Komal Thakore +	Cambridge, MA
Melissa J. Thurber	Newton, MA
Layli Toutounchian	Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
Linh T. Trieu	Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Thao M. Vu	Duluth, GA
Charlotte M. Wagg	New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada
Dorothy Z. Wang *	Belmont, MA
Scott D. Wheeler	Hubbardston, MA
Nicholas E. Wisniewski	Bozrah, CT
Hong Xu *#	Wenzhou, Zhejiang, China
Melissa L. Yip	Fresh Meadows, NY
Shirley S. Yu	Cupertino, CA
Yaakov G. Zacks	Brighton, MA

\* Accelerated Optometric Degree Program

+ Advanced Standing International Program

# Doctor of Optometry Degree to be awarded in September 2006



## **Master of Science in Vision Science Degree Recipients**

Andrew D. L. McLeod  
Patrick A. Scott

Rochester, MN  
Buffalo, NY

## **Bachelor of Science in Optometry Degree Recipients**

Viktoriya Dogadaylo  
Ryan P. Shea  
Sandra C. Tucker

Needham, MA  
Edgartown, MA  
Tullahoma, TN

*The information in this program should not be considered as verification that a degree was received. All inquiries should be directed to the Registrar's Office.*

### ***Faculty Awards***

**Foster Namias Award**  
**Carroll Martus Award**

Thomas Freddo, OD  
Anthony A. Cavallerano, OD

### ***Clinical Awards***

**Asarkof Scholarship**

Michael W. Henderson

**William C. Barrett Memorial  
Scholarship**

Thao M. Vu

**Class of 1969 Scholarship**

Robert J. Deek

**Eschenbach Award for  
Excellence in Low Vision**

Yaakov G. Zacks

**William Feinbloom  
Low Vision Award**

Scott D. Wheeler

**David J. Kerko  
Low Vision Award**

Farrah F. Sunderji

<b>College of Optometrists in Vision Development</b>	Farrah F. Sunderji
<b>Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award</b>	Anita A. Phromsivarak
<b>The New England College of Optometry Clinic Award</b>	Catherine A. Johnson
<b>RGP Lens Institute Award</b>	William T. Alexander
<b>Ira Schwartz Behavioral Vision Award</b>	Catherine A. Johnson
<b>Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lenses</b>	Andrew D. L. McLeod
<b>Vision Service Plan Award</b>	Andrea H. Chan Kenneth R. Dickerson

### **Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society**

Nicôle O. Aguiar \*  
 Hui-Chu J. Chang  
 Jessica J. Connolly  
 Kenneth R. Dickerson  
 Michael E. Dobrowolski  
 Susie Gill \*  
 Tammy J. Gray \*  
 Romea M. Harris-Baxter  
 Len V. Hua  
 Catherine A. Johnson \*  
 Tatyana Katz  
 Jeffrey S. Kenyon \*  
 Kristen P. Lamoreau  
 Laura E. Martin \*  
 Ilka Nolens  
 Iryna Sheludchenko  
 Elizabeth L. Skeya \*  
 Farrah F. Sunderji  
 Komal Thakore  
 Melissa J. Thurber \*  
 Layli Toutounchian  
 Dorothy Z. Wang

*\*Three-Year Participation*

## ***Personal Achievement Awards***

<b>F. Dow Smith Award</b>	Jennifer Hartzell
<b>Dr. Hyman R. Kamens Award</b>	Jeffrey S. Kenyon
<b>National Optometric Student Association Award</b>	Jazmin A. Logendra
<b>Dr. Edward Joseph Troendle, Jr. Award</b>	Hung L. Thai
<b>Alumni Association Award</b>	Sarah E. Hill Hung L. Thai

## ***Academic Awards***

<b>Valedictory and Beta Sigma Kappa Silver Medal</b>	Elizabeth L. Skeya
<b>Salutatory</b>	Catherine A. Johnson
<b>Advanced Standing International Program Scholastic Achievement Award</b>	Komal Thakore
<b>William R. Baldwin Scholastic Achievement Award</b>	Hui-Chu J. Chang



# Candidates for Residency Certification

## *Cornea and Contact Lenses*

Karen Carrasquillo, OD, PhD  
Stephanie Su, OD

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The New England College of Optometry

## *Family Practice Optometry*

Sonya Park, OD

Dorchester House Multi-Service Center

## *Ocular Disease*

Dzenana Idrizovic OD  
Bao-Kim Nguyen, OD

Manchester VA Medical Center  
Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston

## *Pediatric Optometry*

Anna Maria Baglieri, OD  
Kimberley Chan, OD

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The New England College of Optometry

## *Primary Eye Care*

Kierstyn Napier Dovorany, OD  
Lee Gelman, OD  
Lauren LaPaglia, OD

VA Vermont-White River Junction campus  
VA Connecticut - Newington campus  
VA Connecticut - Newington campus

## *Primary Eye Care - Geriatric Optometry*

Rebecca Bader, OD  
Ryan Beyer, OD  
Kristin Brennan, OD  
Ceida Chan, OD  
Nyssa Connell, OD  
Vistor Ganson, OD  
David Hasson, OD  
Bridget Hendricks, OD  
Megan Lind, OD  
Kimberly Ninyo, OD  
Douglas Rett, OD

Bedford VA Medical Center  
VA Boston-Brockton campus  
VA Boston-Brockton campus  
VA Boston-Jamaica Plain campus  
VA Boston- Brockton campus  
VA Boston-West Roxbury campus  
Bedford VA Medical Center  
VA Boston-Brockton/Worcester campuses  
VA Boston-West Roxbury campus  
VA Boston- Jamaica Plain campus  
VA Boston- Jamaica Plain campus

## *Primary Eye Care - Low Vision Rehabilitation*

Erin Anderson, OD  
Anjali P. Shah, OD  
Rita Vijh, OD

VA Connecticut - West Haven campus  
VA Connecticut - West Haven campus  
VA Connecticut - West Haven campus

# The Optometric Oath\*

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standard, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

*\*Adopted by the American Optometric Association and by  
the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry*

# Academic Heraldry

The caps, gowns and hoods worn at College functions have their origins in the robes worn by monks and students in the middle ages to keep out the cold and damp. Today, the academic regalia have been standardized by tradition and agreement among institutions of higher learning.

The gowns for bachelor degrees have long, pointed sleeves and are worn closed. Masters degree holders wear gowns with oblong sleeves open at the wrist. The gown may be worn open or closed. Gowns for the doctoral degree carry long velvet panels down the front and have three velvet bars on the full sleeves. The velvet may be black or of a color distinctive to the field of study for which the degree is given. Gowns are usually black, but a few institutions now prescribe colors representative of the school.

Caps, also called mortarboards, may be of cloth or, for the doctoral outfit, velvet. The tassel is black or of a color appropriate to the field of study. Doctoral tassels may be gold.

The colors on the hoods provide the institutional identity and signify the field of study. The style of the hood is specific to the degree level, with doctoral hoods being larger, with wider velvet borders, and with a panel at the back. The silk lining of the hood is in the institutional colors and the velvet borders signify the field of the degree. Commonly seen colors are:

Arts, letters, humanities:	white
Architecture:	brown
Dentistry:	lilac
Education:	light blue
Law:	purple
Library science:	lemon yellow
Medicine:	green
Optometry:	seafoam green
Philosophy:	dark blue
Public Administration:	peacock blue
Public Health:	salmon pink

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for their unwavering support and encouragement.*







